

STATEMENT OF GEORGE THATCHER ON BANK AFFAIRS

DENIES INSINUATIONS MADE BY
THE TONOPAH MINER IN
SATURDAY'S ISSUE.

George B. Thatcher, of the law firm of Bartlett, Thatcher and Gibbons, made the following statement last evening to a Bonanza representative concerning the article relative to the affairs of the Nye and Ormsby County bank as appeared in the Miner:

"We are not in the habit of replying to newspaper articles concerning our practice, and only do so in this case because the article published in the Tonopah Miner of Saturday, March 20, is full of misinformation and makes insinuations of a character that cannot be passed by."

"The Miner was particular in printing the entire affidavit of James J. McQuillan, totally ignoring the affidavits of George B. Thatcher, L. A. Gibbons and A. M. Nye, which were on file at the time the Miner was printed, which affidavits deny in toto the affidavit of McQuillan; and it totally neglected to obtain information as to the testimony of McQuillan when he testified on February 24th in the matter of the application for the appointment of the receivers."

"On the 24th day of February, 1909, James J. McQuillan appeared in court and testified, under oath, that he had full and ample authority from Frank Golden to sign his Golden's name to the petition for the appointment of the receivers, and thus affirmed, under oath, his previous declarations to the members of the firm of Bartlett, Thatcher and Gibbons."

"The statement that he 'signed the name of Frank Golden solely upon the advice of counsel' is absolutely false and is contrary to his sworn testimony given in court."

"The principal place of business of the Nye and Ormsby County bank is at Tonopah, and ever since their appointment the receivers have been in the actual possession of all the property, assets, books and papers of the Nye and Ormsby County bank at Tonopah; moreover, they have held this possession by force. After their appointment Mr. C. H. Phillips accepted employment from the receivers and agreed to act in a clerical capacity for them; the propriety of the receivers employing Mr. Phillips cannot be questioned, as he was fully acquainted with all of the bank's affairs and transactions, and readily accepted employment from them. When the receivers learned that Mr. Phillips took a position antagonistic to them he was discharged."

"The statement in the Miner that there was concerted action for the purpose of deceiving the court and accomplishing delay for some ulterior purpose is absolutely false; the court was not deceived, notwithstanding the attempts of interested parties to make it appear that it was deceived; if there was any ulterior purpose it was in the minds of others than the court, the receivers and their attorneys."

"The attempt of the principal officers and directors of the Nye and Ormsby County bank to remove the administration of the affairs of the bank from the jurisdiction of the court of this district, and to oust the receivers appointed by that court is one of the highest recommendations as to the integrity of both court and receivers that could possibly be made and should, of itself, be a sufficient refutation of any charge of collusion between the receivers and the officers and directors of the Nye and Ormsby County bank."

"The Miner assumes to decide that all the proceedings before the district court, by which the receivers were appointed, are null and void; this matter will be decided by the courts. It is sufficient now to say that the district court of Nye county, acting upon the testimony of James J. McQuillan to that effect, found that he had authority to sign the name of Frank Golden to the petition, and the judgment of this court appointing the receivers will stand until that order is reversed on appeal. The fact that the name of Frank Golden was signed to the petition by James J. McQuillan appears upon the face of the petition, and so appearing the district court necessarily required proof that McQuillan had authority to sign Golden's name. This authority was shown by the sworn testimony of McQuillan in open court. The question was asked of James J. McQuillan while on the stand, 'Did you sign the name of Frank Golden,' by James McQuillan, and he replied affirmatively. He was then asked, 'Did you have the proper authority to sign the

LAST SAD RITES OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE ARE PERFORMED

How the Oklahoma Clause of the Banking Bill was Killed by Senate--Newlands Shows His Hand in Betrayal of His Party Platform.

(By Special Correspondence.)

CARSON, March 19.—The twenty-fourth session of the Nevada legislature came to a close at several o'clock this morning, the official clocks of the two houses having been stopped before midnight, as is the usual legal fiction. The actual business of legislation was finished before 11 o'clock, the delay in adjournment being necessary to give twenty or thirty enrolling clerks time in which to finish their mountain of work. The intervening hours were spent in presenting presents to the officials of the two houses, making felicitous speeches accompanying the same, and similar precedent established usages.

The third house took possession of the assembly and held a session lasting a couple of hours or so, when all kinds of horse play was indulged in and some clever gags sprung. Among other things a bill was introduced appropriating money to defray the political funerals of the three Democrats in the senate who voted against the vitalizing clause of the banking bill, the harrowing details of which action have already been related in this correspondence.

And that josh measure gives expression to the dominant thought around the capitol for forty-eight hours past. Yesterday that was the all absorbing topic of conversation, and as time flew by the plot of the conspiracy developed, thickened and its results accumulated—the chief of which is Democratic leaders, realizing that they had been betrayed within, made a desperate effort to redeem the party from defeat two years hence, widened the breach between the factions and thus worked out their own ultimate ruin.

But, to abandon generalization and get down to facts, here they are: As before stated, the senate struck from the banking bill the deposit guarantee clause, promised in the Democratic platform and urged in the executive message, three Democrats, Locklin of Virginia City, Hunter and Coryell of Elko voting with the Republicans. That was Wednesday afternoon. That evening, within thirty minutes after the bill reached the assembly, the clause was reinserted and fired back, belligerently, at the senate, which was supposed to be in session, sometimes with a bare quorum, when one vote would defeat any measure, sometimes with not a quorum present. Friends of the bill dared not call it up. Thursday conference committees were appointed, but no agreement could be reached. The assembly asked for another conference, which was denied late last evening by the senate in an irritating resolution. The assembly was forced to recede from its position on the bill and it was enacted into a law—a corpse from birth.

name of Frank Golden to this petition? and he swore that he did have such authority."

"While not questioning the good faith of the Miner, we cannot but assume that in publishing this article it acted with full knowledge of all the facts; in fact we are informed that the article was written prior to the filing of the above affidavits and the same were not called to the Miner's attention."

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of all has in His infinite wisdom deemed it necessary to strike from our roll on earth the name of our beloved brother, William F. Weiss, we most sorrowfully but submissively acknowledge His official mandate, recognizing the fact that He doeth all things well.

Resolved, that in the death of Brother William F. Weiss, Tonopah Lodge No. 28 has lost a worthy member, whose memory we esteem, and we deeply regret his untimely death; Resolved, that we extend to his survivors our sympathy in their great bereavement, assuring them that their sorrow and loss are shared by the officers and members of Tonopah Lodge No. 28, F. & A. M.

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with its throbbing, life-giving heart carved out of its shell of a body.

During the afternoon, the senate, with a combination of Republicans and those same three rebel Democrats killed the assembly resolution calling for a legislative committee to make a thorough investigation of the Rickey bank failure, after adjournment. And then, to cap the climax by adding insult to injury, Governor Dickerson's pet measure, the abolishment of the state board of assessors and the substitution of the state board of revenue, a change from fourteen county assessors to three state officers, in order that railroads might be forced to bear their just share of taxation, was murdered vindictively by the same vote, with the exception that House, Democrat, changed places with Woodbury, Republican.

Governor Dickerson sent in two or three messages during the day insisting that these measures be passed, appealing to Democrats to make good, and even calling attention of Republican members to the fact that their own platform promised a reform banking law. He gave out a signed statement and submitted to an interview, which were published in an extra issued by the Appeal. But no effort could win; the bankers and the Southern Pacific had won the battle.

How was it done? There is no mystery or doubt on that point. As related two days since, Henderson, the banker of Elko, has been here with his notes and mortgages and cold, clammy dollar-marked face, sitting between his two vassals hour after hour, during the long sessions and never letting either get out of range of his fishy eyes during recess. In twenty odd years of legislative experience in half a dozen states the writer has never seen a more humiliating spectacle; has never known another owner of men so publicly and domineeringly proclaim his proprietorship.

Again, Senator Newlands, who has been endeavoring to dictate to this legislature ever since it convened, through the medium of franked telegrams, containing his mandates, used his influence to defeat both the banking and the assessment bills. His personal representative in this state, one Sharon, of Virginia City, a family connection of some kind, has been on the ground, working under instructions from Newlands, to defeat a Democratic platform pledge. The extent of this senatorial influence, was one vote in the senate, Locklin, of Virginia City. Through some local clinch Sharon landed that one Democrat, which chanced to be a vital vote, and Newlands can now go to the bankers and railroads and justly claim that he has served them well and faithfully, that he has be-

trayed the people and the Democratic party of Nevada ably, if not adroitly. Should a vote be taken on a United States senatorship today and he were a candidate, he would receive just three votes, in spite of the popular verdict in his favor last fall. But he doubtless figures, and possibly correctly, that this will all be forgotten six years hence, when he will probably deign to again visit this province and announce that he will again honor us by representing Nevada in the senate.

There were introduced during the present session of the legislature in the assembly 246 bills and twenty-five or thirty resolutions—the latter came so fast last night that the records have not yet been posted—in the senate 146 bills and fifteen or twenty resolutions. Of these, the governor has approved sixty-eight assembly and forty-five senate bills, seven assembly and five senate resolutions. There are now piled on his desk, enrolled documents, each a cylinder with a rubber band around it, four feet high, 125 bills and resolutions. There has been passed by the legislature 250 measures. Of these the governor has thus far vetoed only two, so far as reported to the legislature. Three more veto measures are said to have been drafted, and you can take it from yours truly that this afternoon he shed his coat, and with ax in hand is chopping the life out of at least a few more freaks.

Among this great mass of legislation there are some good laws, many measures needed by the various localities affected. Among those already approved are the wild cat mining, pure food, making it a felony for an insolvent bank to receive deposits, adequate train crews, an excellent state auditor law, and one making it a crime for any one to receive a fee for securing a laborer a position with his own company. Among those passed and will be signed are provisions for several much needed constitutional amendments, the right of recall, initiative and referendum, for instance.

The truth of the matter is, this state needs a new constitution as urgently as does the ragged hobo a new suit of clothes. The present organic law is a veritable crazy quilt patch work, poorly designed originally and frequently awkwardly changed since. But a constitutional convention is a dangerous expedient that no man in public life in Nevada would dare to advocate.

As near as your correspondent can ascertain, in hours of investigation of the incomplete and inaccessible records at this writing all Nye county legislation, except the indemnity bond for the county treasurer, which was killed in the senate, was enacted into law.

ago for Mexico with her husband, who died two years ago, has returned to Tonopah. Mrs. Giles is the guest of Mrs. H. N. Stevens.

John Leach, J. E. Smith, Dave Holland, Phil Allen, Dr. C. J. Richards, J. G. Oliver and George Jetter left yesterday morning in the Simplex auto for Pioneer to be present at the opening of the Hotel Holland. They will return today.

E. Block, of New York, who is prominently connected with one of the largest steel and iron concerns in France, is in town. Mr. Block is a cousin of the steel manufacturer of the same name, who visited Tonopah about five years ago.

George Thatcher is confined to his home by a badly wrenched knee which he injured at Blair several weeks ago. He had nearly recovered from the injury when yesterday he gave it another wrenching that will keep him off the streets for several days.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

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HOW TO GO TO PIONEER.

Take the Tonopah and Tidewater (Bullfrog-Goldfield) railroad to Springdale, Nevada. It is the nearest railroad station to the great Pioneer mining district. Automobiles meet every train. You can obtain auto tickets of ticket agent or conductor of train. W. W. Keith, general agent, Whitmore building, Goldfield, Nevada. Write for map of line. 3-21-

WEATHER REPORT.

The following is the weather report of the Tonopah station of the department of agriculture for the week ending March 19, 1909: Highest barometer, Mar. 13...30.27 Lowest barometer, Mar. 17...29.79 Highest temperature, Mar. 15...56 Lowest temperature, Mar. 19...22 Mean temperature...40 Average dew point...14 Average humidity...46 Number of clear days...2 Number of partly cloudy days...5 Number of days with snow...2 Precipitation for week, trace. J. C. PIERCY, Official in Charge.

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NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, will pay \$25 reward for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who are poisoning dogs in the town of Tonopah.

J. J. OWENS,
Sheriff of Nye County.

SPRING MILLINERY GRAND OPENING

Mrs. C. Munn wishes to announce that her spring millinery opening will take place Saturday, March 20, and Monday, 22nd, respectively. Grandest display of millinery ever seen in Tonopah. All the latest creations in ladies' misses' and children's hats. Prices are lower than ever. All are cordially invited.

NOTICE.

CHANGE IN TIME OF TRAINS.

Effective Sunday, March 21st. Train No. 23, leaving Tonopah at 9:20 a. m., will leave at 8:55 a. m. Train No. 24, arriving at Tonopah at 11:00 a. m., will arrive at 11:18 a. m. Train No. 1, leaving Tonopah at 8:10 a. m., will leave at 8:15 a. m. Train No. 4, arriving at Tonopah at 3:15 p. m., and Train No. 5, leaving Tonopah at 3:40 p. m., will be discontinued. Train No. 8, arriving at Tonopah at 7:05 p. m., will arrive at 6:00 p. m.

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